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USING ENTEROBACTERIACEAE STRAINS WITH ATTENUATED POXB
GENES

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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